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## **JULY COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES**

*49 counties decrease*

NASHVILLE –Tennessee's July unemployment rate of 5.0 percent, down from 5.3 percent over the month, was released on August 14, 2003. County unemployment rates released today showed that 49 county rates decreased, 43 counties increased, and three county rates remained the same.

Williamson County at 2.6 percent, down from 3.0 over the month, registered the state's lowest county unemployment rate. Clay County at 18.6 percent, up from 13.1, reported the state's highest jobless rate.

Knox County, at 2.9 percent, down from 3.1 percent in June, registered the second lowest metropolitan county unemployment rate. Hamilton County registered 3.8 percent, down from 4.1 percent. Davidson County was at 3.8 percent as well, down from 4.3 percent, while Shelby County registered 5.8, down from 6.4 percent over the month.

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**NOTE:** Information will be available on the Internet; enter [http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor\\_figures](http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor_figures)".

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